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Polar bear trade ban defeated

COMMERCE Canadian Inuit got some help from an unlikely corner Thursday when the European Union rejected a motion to ban the international trade of polar bear parts.

The result assured the defeat of the U.S.-backed proposal. "I think that's great," said Chuckie Gruben, a hunter from Tuktoyaktuk, N.W.T.

The EU has angered the Inuit in the past over issues such as the seal hunt. But on Thursday, it was the union's 27 member states voting in a block at the 175-nation Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species that prevented polar bear skins from being placed in the same category as elephant ivory.

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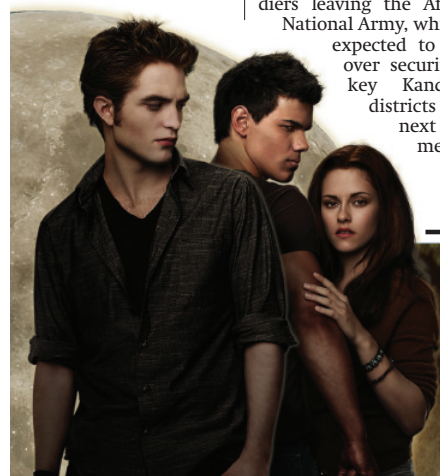
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Legislature Get up, stand up



Students and community members gather at the legislature on Thursday to protest the threat of provincewide tuition hikes. Many of them were students from the University of Alberta, who were joined by students from the University of Calgary and University of Lethbridge who travelled to Edmonton earlier that day for the protest. Story, page 4.

Leaving the fight

Afghan soldier dropouts raise exit concerns: Report

They are supposed to be our exit strategy.

But the latest Canadian government quarterly assessment raises concern about the number of soldiers leaving the Afghan

National Army, which is expected to take over security in key Kandahar districts by next summer.

Al-

though the high attrition rate among Afghan soldiers has always bothered Canadian and NATO mentors, the challenge of recruiting, training and keeping those soldiers has started to weigh more heavily as Canada prepares to wind up its military mission in Afghanistan in 2011.

The Canadian report, released late Wednesday in Ottawa, said the benchmark of a capable security force "continues to be challenged by issues relating to

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attrition, retention and recruiting."

Another battalion, or kandak, of Afghan soldiers under Canadian guidance has reached its top-tier sta-

tus.

That makes two battalion-sized units ready to go, but the report said they're undermanned and the ranks looked thin last fall.

"Leave granted to soldiers around the Eid holiday and following the presidential elections likely contributed to decreased (Afghan National Army) capacity in this quarter," said the quarterly report, which covers the period up to the end of 2009.

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Recession's effect to boost oil revenue: Board

OILSANDS Oil industry profits will see a big boost this year as some of the cost-dampening effects of the recession linger, according to a forecast by the Conference Board of Canada.

However, the business think-tank cautioned the price of labour and materials is poised to rise in future years as the pace of development picks up in the oilsands.

"The recession had one positive effect — costs in the industry have come down precipitously," said the report released Thursday.

Numerous oilsands producers began to put their multibillion-dollar projects on hold in late 2008, as the recession whittled away at demand for fossil fuels and made it too costly for companies to borrow money. Investment in the sector contracted by 26.4 per cent last year, causing capital costs to decline at a similar rate, the Conference Board said.

Many of those delayed oilsands projects have since been put on the front burner. Increased production from those projects, along with stronger crude oil prices, has led the Conference Board to predict oil industry profits of \$8.1 billion this year. That's two-thirds higher than the \$4.9 billion the industry eked out last year, but still half of what it raked in at the height of the boom in

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Mia a 'good mother'

Edmonton Valley Zoo welcomes new squirrel monkey to the fold

ANDREAS MORSE
for Metro Edmonton

It might have been a little too much monkeying around that led to the Edmonton Valley Zoo's latest addition.

A baby squirrel monkey was born at the zoo on Feb. 1 and proud staff members were showing off the newborn Thursday morning. "She's a pretty healthy monkey," said zookeeper Estefani Fujita. "We've had six squirrel monkeys born here at the zoo, (and) this is the seventh."

The baby monkey doesn't have a name yet, and zookeepers have to wait until the monkey becomes more independent before they determine its gender. In the meantime, it's starting to get comfortable riding on its mother's back and playing with the other monkeys in the exhibit.

"Mia is a really good mother, almost every year she has a baby," Fujita said. "She delivered by herself at

"She delivered by herself at night so we didn't see it."

Estefani Fujita, zookeeper

night so we didn't see it. We just saw it when we came in the morning, but it went pretty well."

Squirrel monkeys are native to the forests of Central and South America and are the largest monkey group in the world.

"They're very sociable and playful animals," Fujita said. "They're curious and these guys like a lot of attention."

Attention is what they'll get as groups of children come through the exhibit every day. Fujita said it's hard to say who gets more excited, the monkeys or the kids.

"The monkeys right now are kind of used to getting children here every day," she said. "So I think the children get a little more excited."



Edmonton Valley Zoo's latest addition, a baby squirrel monkey, stays close to its mother Mia Thursday morning.

Cops arrest man with drugs, \$16K cash in vehicle

CRIME A man was arrested in southeast Edmonton on Wednesday after his vehicle was found to have various drugs and nearly \$16,000 in cash.

The man was pulled over for driving strangely near 99 Avenue and 50 Street late Wednesday night, police said.

When police went to search the vehicle, they said they found a large amount of cash, 28 grams of cocaine and 90 grams of methamphetamine. They also found a wooden baton and jewelry they believe is stolen.

Jason Clarke Peter Croft, 32, has been charged with various offences, including possession for the purpose of trafficking and possession of the proceeds of crime.

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News in brief

ARREST A group of alert citizens may have thwarted a child abduction in Whitecourt on Wednesday. Just before 8 p.m., RCMP were called to a school playground to investigate an attempted child-abduction case. With help from a group of citizens, police located a suspect vehicle within two blocks of the playground, enabling an arrest.

DRUNK DRIVING The Edmonton Police Service was busy on St. Patrick's Day while keeping a lookout for drunk driving. According to police, a total of 237 vehicles were stopped, with six impaired charges and 13 24-hour suspensions resulting. The Curb the Danger Program, which encourages people to call 911 if they think an impaired driver is on the road, led to two impaired-driving charges.

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Boat show goes to the birds, and the dogs

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No, it's not quite cabin season, but it is right around the corner and Ed-

montonians are getting a head start this weekend at the Edmonton Boat and Sportmen's Show at the Expo Centre.

"The first couple of hours have gone great," said Heather Moore, a spokesperson for the show. "People are happy and they're coming out in droves to see all the great

features we have here."

The biggest feature of the show has to be the more than \$15-million worth of marine and recreation equipment on display. But a close second goes to the Alberta Birds of Prey exhibit and the Dock-Dogs dog-jumping competition.

"Animals are always pop-

ular," Moore said. "The birds and the dogs always draw a huge crowd."

The show started Thursday and runs all weekend. Doors open at noon on Friday and stay open until 9 p.m. Saturday is 10 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

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Willie Leon Manley who played for the Edmonton Eskimos in 1953 & '54 died Saturday, March 13 at age 83 at his home in Austin, Texas. A star at the University of Oklahoma, Manley was a childhood friend and later a high school and college teammate of Darrell Royal who coached the Esks in 1953. METRO EDMONTON

Man charged in assault on pawnbroker

INVESTIGATION An arrest has been made in connection with the assault of a 75-year-old pawnshop owner earlier this month.

On March 1, police were called to the pawnshop on 95 Street and 111 Avenue after customers reported finding the owner badly beaten, police said.

Police said they believe he was attacked with a hatchet, as the victim suffered serious injuries to his head and upper body.

Kenneth Angus Campbell has been charged with one count of robbery, one count of aggravated assault and one count of possession of a weapon dangerous to the public.

YONATHAN SUMAMO/
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Students and community members gather at the legislature on Thursday to protest tuition hikes being considered by some post-secondary institutions. U of A students were joined in the protest by students from the universities of Calgary and Lethbridge.

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Students rally against fees

Possible increases at U of A spark concern

YONATHAN SUMAMO
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Hundreds of people marched from the University of Alberta campus to the steps of the legislature Thursday to voice their concern over rising tuition costs in Alberta.

Many of them were students from the U of A, who were joined by students from the University of Calgary and University of Lethbridge who travelled to Edmonton earlier that day for the protest.

The students' concern was raised when the U of A asked Doug Horner, minister of ad-

"The average student was looking for a way to voice their concern."

Beverly Eastham,
U of A Students' Union

vanced education and technology, to allow for an increase in professional program tuition through what it called "market modifiers." In addition, it proposed an extra \$550 in yearly fees for all students to pay.

Such an increase in tuition had many students angry and frustrated said Beverly Eastham, VP External of the U of A Students' Union.

"We started to hear on campus that students were incredibly upset with the fees and the market modifiers that were being put forward and for the lack of

say that they were able to have in them," Eastham said.

"The average student was looking for a way to voice their concern in a really visible manner."

Students in attendance, like Kay She, VP External for the U of C Students' Union, believe that education is a right. She said that easy access to a good education would benefit the entire province.

"It's guaranteed economic growth, economic diversification and puts our province in a competitive place where we can be leaders in the global economy," she said. "Post secondary education is the best investment Alberta can make."

U of A's tuition hike will still need a final approval from the Board of Governors after a meeting on March 26.



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International kids' fest set to celebrate 29th year June 1-5

FESTIVAL The International Children's Festival director was proud to announce the program list Thursday for the upcoming event in St. Albert this June.

Many gathered at the Arden Theatre in St. Albert on Thursday to hear festival director Nancy Abrahamson unveil the program for the 29th Annual International Children's Festival running from June 1-5, 2010.

On hand were St. Albert Mayor Nolan Abrahamson and the Minister of Culture and Community Spirit, Lindsay Blackett.

"It's really important for us to create an environment that all families can come down and create new special memories with their kids and appreciate the different cultures from all around the world," Abrahamson said.

This environment will consist of a variety of programs, hands-on crafts and musical concerts. That includes performing acts from different countries, such as Belgium, Taiwan and Scotland.

"Each year this festival has continued to amaze me with its excitement, energy and incredible people," Abrahamson said. "I've been lucky to see how this great festival has grown. We've seen our volunteer force expand

to 700 strong, the site activities triple and the number of people who take part explode from 20,000 to over 55,000."

This festival is one of many that take place every year across North America. These festivals share resources and the cost of some of the visiting performing companies.



The St. Albert Children's Theatre performs a song at the International Children's Festival press conference Thursday at the Arden Theatre in St. Albert. The theatre troupe is scheduled to perform at the festival in June. Below: Linda Karenko as Madame de la Loon entertains at a past International Children's Festival. Tickets are available for the summer celebration starting Friday.

"It's really important for us to create an environment that all families can come down and create new special memories with their kids and appreciate the different cultures from all around the world." Festival director Nancy Abrahamson

The cost of the festival in St. Albert is estimated at over \$240,000 to host a day. But due to government and business sponsoring, ticket prices are at a reduced cost of \$10 or less for children or

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Local forward on sidelines for Madness

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While Mangisto Arop was getting ready to watch his Gonzaga teammates kick off their March Madness campaign from the sidelines, his former Ross Sheppard basketball coach

was starting a tournament of his own.

Dave Youngs coached the six-foot-five forward from Sudan for two seasons from 2005 to 2007 before he moved on to Basketball Canada's National Elite Development Academy in Hamilton, Ont. Youngs was on his way to Raymond for

his senior men's team's provincials but he said he always has time to chat about his former players.

"He was unbelievable," Youngs said. "Basketball-wise, he stood out."

Arop came to Ross Sheppard from Hillcrest Junior High and Youngs said he fit in with the senior team

very quickly.

In Arop's last season with the Thunderbirds, his team won provincials and the Grade 11 student played an integral role.

"He was huge," Youngs said. "He was our spiritual leader and he was our physical leader. He was everything."

Youngs wishes his former standout was suiting up for his squad this weekend, but Arop won't even be on the court when his current Gonzaga team takes on Florida State Friday.

Arop suffered a season-ending broken foot in the West Coast Conference

semifinal game earlier this month.

Despite the injury, Youngs said he's certain Arop will have another chance at the big dance.

"He was always intense and he knew where he wanted to get to. We're extremely proud of him," he added.

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Alberta OK's expansion of Suncor's Firebag oilsands project

ENERGY Suncor Energy Inc. says it has received approval from Alberta's energy regulator to expand its Firebag oilsands project near Fort McMurray.

The oil and gas producer, refiner and fuel retailer — which merged with former Crown corporation Petro-Canada last August — said Thursday the Alberta Energy Resources Conservation Board has approved its application to develop three additional stages of the project.

Each of the three new stages has a planned production capacity of about 62,500 barrels per day, Suncor said.

"Regulatory approval for further expansion of Firebag is an important milestone for Suncor," said chief operating officer Steve Williams.

"This expansion keeps us on target for continued production growth, while at the same time reducing the overall environmental intensity of the barrels we produce."

The company said cost estimates for the expansion will be detailed when it receives final approval from Suncor's board of directors.

The facilities will use steam-assisted gravity drainage, or SAGD technology. In SAGD, oil producers inject steam via pipelines to melt tar-like heavy oil located deep underground and then pump the oil through another pipeline to the surface.

Stages

- The first two stages of Firebag have been in operation since 2003 and 2005, respectively. Together, they produce about 60,000 barrels per day.
- The \$3.6-billion third stage is expected to begin production in the middle of next year, with planned capacity of about 62,500 barrels per day.

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G20 must pursue bank reform: Harper

PM lays out market guidelines at 'sherpas' meeting

The G20 nations must keep trade markets open, strengthen banking regulations and nurture a balanced recovery from the world economic crisis, Prime Minister Stephen Harper says.

Those were the priorities Harper laid out for the "sherpas," the senior bureaucrats who are holding two days of meetings in Ottawa to lay out the agenda for June's economic summit in Toronto.

Harper said recovery is by no means fully assured, and he said the G20 will be judged not just by its ability to respond to crisis, but also "its capacity to lead the world through recovery and beyond."

Harper said it's natural

Harper's G20 suggestions

• Harper laid out five rules he said negotiators should follow, including balancing stimulus measures with exit strategies, building on a global framework for "balanced and sustainable" growth, advancing reforms to international financial institutions, and keeping markets open. Harper also said it's time to look beyond the crisis measures that have driven world economics for the last year or so.

and expected for countries to defend their national interests, but he said those must be "enlightened" and take into account the overall, long-term needs of the global economy. The G20 must deliver on measures already agreed to at meetings in Washington, London and Pittsburgh, he said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Senior Mountie defends gun registry after government criticism.

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Canadians safe after boat hits reef in Galapagos

ACCIDENT Sixteen Canadian tourists exploring the Galapagos Islands were rescued from a reef after the yacht they were travelling on ran aground, the tour operator said Thursday.

Fernando Diez, public-relations manager for Quazar Expeditions in Ecuador, said the yacht Alta struck the reef at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday while trying to dock at Puerto Ayora in Ecuador.

The accident was caused in part by lack of illumination from a lighthouse that was unexpectedly darkened, he said, but the captain should have been able



This photo released by Galapagos National Park shows the grounded Alta yacht in the Galapagos Islands Thursday.

to avoid the accident. The passengers were all safely evacuated. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

News in brief

TORTURE Opposition MPs have fumed for months over the government's refusal to hand over controversial documents on the Afghan detainee issue. They now are seeking a formal ruling from the Speaker that the refusal is a violation of parliamentary privilege.

FINANCE Stop buying those lattes or splurging on trips. David Dodge, former governor of the Bank of Canada, says Canadians need to save far more if they want to retire comfortably — even those who think they have great company pension plans and solid RRSPs. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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World



Calif. ponders landmark smoking ban

California lawmakers on Thursday were considering what is believed to be the nation's most far-reaching smoking ban in state parks as a way to get unsightly cigarette butts off the beach, eliminate second-hand smoke and reduce the threat of wildfires. Maine banned smoking at its state beaches last year, but groups that track such legislation say no state prohibits lighting up throughout its entire park system, as the California bill proposes. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

News in brief

SWITZERLAND Swiss police say a Nigerian asylum seeker died at Zurich's airport as he was being forced to board a plane for deportation to his home country. Police said they had to shackle him because he refused to board. He had been on a hunger strike for several days.

ISRAEL A rocket fired by Gaza militants smashed into a greenhouse in an Israeli border village Thursday, killing a Thai worker in the first such death since Israel's massive offensive against Gaza more than a year ago. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Creditors stop Sex.com auction

WEB The suitors for Sex.com have been put off for now. An auction for the much-sought-after domain name was cancelled after three creditors filed a petition forcing the owner into bankruptcy.

Mike Mann, an investor with all three creditors, said the petition was filed to stop the auction. According to the petition, the creditors have a combined \$10.1-million claim.

Selling the domain name at an auction was not going

to enhance its value, Mann said.

"It's gone way up in value," he said. "They were throwing away the world's most valuable domain asset."

Escrow LLC paid a reported \$12 million to \$14 million for the domain name in 2006, but the company was unable to repay the debt. The lender ordered the foreclosure sale.

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Health vote looms

U.S. Democrats eye Sunday passage of bill

President Barack Obama scuttled an Asian trip in favour of last-minute lobbying at the White House on his top domestic priority, a sweeping \$940-billion US health-care reform plan that is now headed for a climatic Sunday vote.

Obama played host to a procession of Democrats still wavering over the health-care program, which would affect nearly every American and remake one-sixth of the U.S. economy. For the first time, Americans would be required to have health insurance.

Democrats were boosted by a nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office report that said health-care reform would trim federal deficits by an estimated \$138 billion over the next decade.

Deficit reduction

• The Congressional Budget Office said the legislation would reduce the federal deficit by \$138 billion US over its first 10 years, and continue to drive down the red ink thereafter.

The stakes are huge for Obama, who is putting much of his credibility on the line to gain passage of legislation. One Republican has said it could prove to be the president's Waterloo if the drive collapses.

"We will make progress by passing this legislation," predicted the Democratic

leader of the House of Representatives, Speaker Nancy Pelosi, as Democrats unveiled final alterations to a bill — 16 tumultuous months in the making — meant to expand health care to 32-million uninsured Americans and bar the insurance industry from denying coverage on the basis of pre-existing medical conditions.

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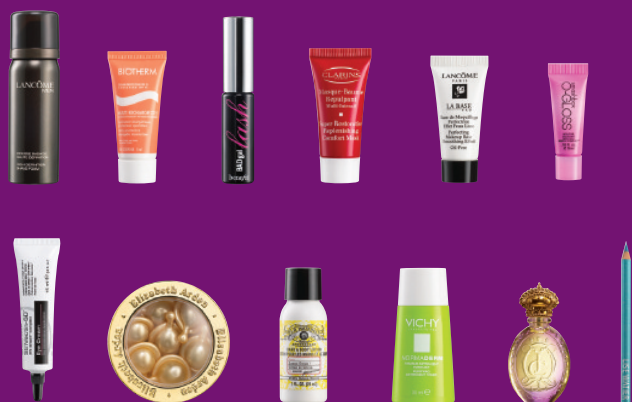
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Comment

Disguising bigotry and elitism

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There's an interesting brouhaha going on in St. Albert. Though St. Albert isn't part of our fair city, the fracas is worth taking notice of.

The conflict there is one that has played out in Edmonton numerous times in the past. We should pay

attention to the goings on in St. Albert because it is indicative of the manufactured challenges we face in trying to create an environmentally and economically sustainable city.

Here is the nature of the conflict in a nutshell. Habitat for Humanity wants to build a 58-unit townhouse project on a former school site. The intent is to build as many units as possible to help the maximum number of families. The mission of Habitat for Humanity is to create a world in which everyone has a safe and decent place to live.

"Let's face it, in this society many people think there is something not quite right with those who need help in order to buy a home."

The nearby residents are up in arms. They think they have the absolute right to decide what happens in their area. They insist the development will cause increased traffic, parking problems and a drop in their property values.

Sound familiar? They are the same issues that inevitably come up whenever a development of this

type is proposed. These issues are also complete and utter hogwash.

At their core, these concerns are about wanting to keep certain kinds of people out of the neighbourhood. Traffic and parking concerns are convenient ways of disguising bigotry and elitism.

Let's face it, in this society many people think there is something not

quite right with those who need help in order to buy a home. For them, not being able to afford a \$400,000 home is God's way of punishing those who haven't been adroit and adept enough to benefit from the free market system and his divine plan for their neighbourhoods should not be interfered with.

Habitat for Humanity is about home ownership, not about creating instant slums people by beer-swilling, TV-watching layabouts. To qualify for a Habitat for Humanity house you must be em-

ployed. You must work 500 hours at the site instead of providing a down payment. And you must agree to keep the home and yard in good condition and follow all the other policies of Habitat for Humanity.

Because the purchase of a house has been facilitated for them does not mean those who live in Habitat for Humanity Houses will show any less pride of ownership than their more affluent neighbours.

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Views

Want to survive a fire? Take a look up

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Geri and Peter Crawshaw thought they had picked out a great retirement home in Orillia, Ont., for Peter's aging mom Betty — until a fire broke out last year and she suffered major smoke inhalation. Four other residents died.

What they learned too late was, the home wasn't equipped with sprinklers — a device firefighters say is key to controlling not just flames, but smoke. Smoke is what kills most people in a fire.

"I never gave it a

thought. I never looked up," said Geri Crawshaw. And who would?

But in a national survey of older nursing homes and retirement homes, CBC Marketplace discovered a patchwork of regulations when it comes to sprinklers in older homes, leaving tens of thousands of seniors with no protection.

In Ontario, three deadly fires have led to three coroner's inquests, all calling for sprinklers to be installed retroactively in long-term care homes. Three times, those calls have been ignored by the Ontario government. Newly built homes must have sprinklers, but not older ones.

But sprinklers are just one thing to look for if you're considering putting

a loved one in a long-term care home. We've put together some tips to help you navigate the waters.

Visit in person. Be sure to visit the home and talk to people who live there, or who have family in the home. Do more than one tour and show up unannounced. Ask to see different floors in a home, including any locked areas. And visit at different times of day, including during meals, and at night.

Check compliance reports. Your province may have reports online for long-term care homes that will tell you about potential problems.

Ask about staffing levels. What's the staff-to-resident ratio? Does it change at night? Ask to see what the fire evacua-

tion plan is overnight.

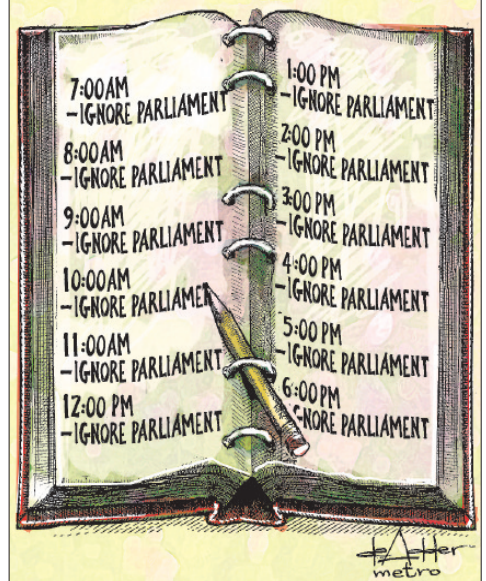
Talk to people. If the home has a family council, talk to the people who sit on the board.

Look up. If the home doesn't have sprinklers, ask why not and whether they might be installed soon. Ontario fire chiefs — and their counterparts in other provinces — have been calling for older homes to be retroactively fitted for sprinklers for years. Ask your elected politicians why that hasn't happened.

Friday on CBC Television at 8:30, watch what happens when Marketplace sets two rooms on fire — one equipped with a sprinkler, the other without.

Erica Johnson is a journalist and co-host of Marketplace, which airs each Friday night at 8:30 on CBC Television.

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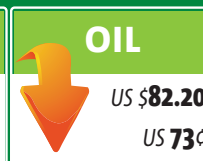
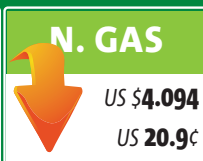
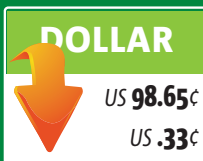
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Foreign travel down

Canadian residents made 4.2 million trips outside of the country in January, 1.5 per cent fewer than in the previous month. Statistics Canada reports trips to both the United States and overseas destinations decreased compared with December. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Business



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Economy picking up

Foreigners are buying up Canada, the loonie is heading for parity with the American dollar and recent economic indicators are off the map. Could the recovery be out-racing expectations?

The prime minister is a skeptic, and so too are economists at the TD Bank, who released a forecast yesterday of moderate growth for the next two years.

The bank says Canadians shouldn't get overly excited about the surprisingly strong five-per-cent fourth quarter of 2009 jump, and likely strong numbers coming for the first three months this year.

"The basic story is the economic recovery is real — we are not going to have a double dip [slump] — but the economy is not going to boomerang," said TD's deputy chief economist, Craig Alexander.

In an address to G20 bureaucrats yesterday morning, Prime Minister Stephen Harper voiced a similar message, saying the recovery is "by no means fully assured."

Since last summer, the economy has produced 159,000 jobs, replacing just over a third of the 417,000

jobs wiped out during the 2008-2009 recession.

But while analysts say it is wise for governments to remain cautious about the recovery, a growing number of economic observers are also starting to rethink the modest, steady growth scenario.

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Nafta trade dropped over last year

ECONOMY Last year's collapse of the North American auto sector caused trade with the U.S. and Mexico to suffer its worst year since the North American Free Trade Agreement went into effect 15 years

ago, the U.S. Transportation Department said yesterday.

Although trade ended the year on a good note, it fell by 23.3 per cent overall in 2009 compared with 2008.

That marked the largest annual decrease since NAF-

TA went into effect in 1994 as the value of products that were shipped by truck, rail and pipeline between Canada, the United States and Mexico dropped to US\$637 billion in 2009.

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Business in brief

AUTOMOBILES Toyota's training of workers to maintain quality control failed to keep up with the automaker's rapid growth, company president Akio Toyoda said in an interview with a major Japanese business daily. Toyoda, grandson of the automaker's founder, said the problem became especially acute after Toyota's global production and sales topped six million vehicles in its fiscal year 2002.

MARKETING The new owners of the Chicago Cubs are working with automaker Toyota on a sponsorship deal that could put the company's logo on a sign hoisted high above the left field bleachers at Wrigley Field in time for the home opener next month. The red-coloured 16-by-22-foot Toyota sign would rise above the bleachers.

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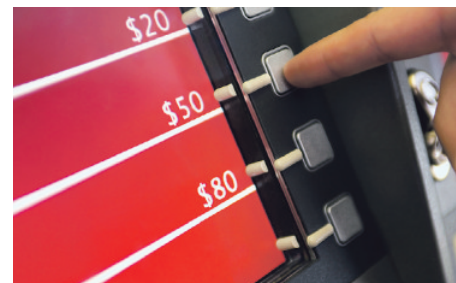
Foreign investment in Canadian securities continued to increase in January, reaching \$11.8 billion, with debt instruments continuing to attract the bulk of the inflow of funds. In contrast, Canadians removed \$5.8 billion from their holdings of foreign securities in January, the largest reduction since December 2008. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Canadian securities continue to see rise in foreign investment



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Fish dealers prepare to slice bluefin tuna at Tsukiji Wholesale Market in Tokyo, Japan Thursday.

UN tuna ban rejected

A U.S.-backed proposal to ban the export of Atlantic bluefin tuna prized in sushi was rejected Thursday by a UN wildlife meeting, with scores of developing nations joining Japan in opposing a measure they feared would devastate fishing economies.

It was a stunning setback for conservationists who had hoped the 175-nation Convention on International

Trade in Endangered Species, or CITES, would give the iconic fish a lifeline. They joined the proposal's sponsor Monaco in arguing extreme measures were necessary because the stocks have fallen by 75 per cent due to overfishing.

"It's pretty irresponsible of governments to hear the science and ignore the science," said Susan Lieberman with the Pew Environment Group. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Europe debates exit, expulsion from euro

CRISIS As Europe struggles to emerge from its fiscal crisis, a notion long considered taboo is gaining currency: Could countries be kicked out of the euro or be given an easy way to leave?

Germany's leader this week called for new rules that would allow for expulsion, and many people in debt-ridden countries like Italy and Greece are increasingly blaming the euro for their woes.

But monetary independence could be more curse than cure: Against dreams of devaluing to cheapen exports and boost economic growth may be a starker reality of catastrophic capital flight and paralyzing administrative headaches.

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In brief

DEAL Western Energy Services Corp. announced it has closed a deal to acquire Cedar Creek Drilling Ltd. in a share-swap deal. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Hard times MGM looks for roar



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In this July 23, 2002, file photo, the Metro Goldwyn Mayer logo graces the entrance gates at the firm's Santa Monica, Calif., offices. MGM Inc. is preparing to receive binding acquisition offers Friday as it again looks for a corporate saviour for its troubles.

Recovery plays out in two gears

U.S. For the super-rich and everyone else, the economic recovery is taking place in two very different gears.

A British company is betting there's a market in North America for a \$200,000 US sports car built with Formula One race technology, announcing Thursday that it will unveil the new toy late next year.

For most people, though, the economy's still a clunker. A new U.S. Labor Department report said more than 11-million Americans are now getting unemployment

benefits. The number of first-time claims for unemployment fell last week for the third time in a row, a sign the job market is slowly healing. But claims remain above levels that would signal new jobs are being made. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Hargreaves returns to action

Calgary-born Owen Hargreaves made his long-awaited comeback from injury on Thursday with 45 minutes of competitive action for Manchester United's reserve team. The 29-year-old England midfielder had been out for 18 months after surgery on both knees to cure persistent tendinitis. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Sports



Fight to have Olympic-style tests

Floyd Mayweather Jr., left, and welterweight champion Shane Mosley will undergo Olympic-style drug testing for their May 1 fight in Las Vegas, which they hope will set a new standard for boxing. Mayweather and Mosley will be subjected to an unlimited number of unannounced blood and urine tests before and after the fight, and the results will be stored for future analysis. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Edmonton spoilers

No easy ride for teams still in the hunt

Playing the role of spoiler is a consolation prize at best, but when a team is as hopelessly out of the playoff picture as the Edmonton Oilers are, players will take their motivation where they can find it.

Sitting 31 points out of eighth place in the Western Conference with 12 games remaining, the Oilers have nothing to play for in terms of the post-season, but three of the four teams that'll come calling on them at Rexall Place during a four-game home stand certainly do.

The Detroit Red Wings, who face the Oilers Friday, are trying to hang on to eighth place in the conference. The San Jose Sharks, the opponent Sunday, are in a battle with the Chicago Blackhawks for first place in the conference. The Vancouver Canucks, who come calling Tuesday, are trying to hold off the Colorado Avalanche for first place in the Northwest Division and the third overall seed in the conference.

Misery loves company.

"We want to spoil things for every team."

Gilbert Brule

"That's the silver lining in this year," said defenceman Ryan Whitney. "You can be a spoiler."

"The way I look at it, Detroit's in a dogfight for the eighth spot. They come in here and play the 30th-place team and lose, imagine how good we'd feel. You take little victories like that as a sign you want to be here, you want to be playing. This is our chance to be in a playoff game. I think you have to look at it like that."

With a record of 21-42-7 and 49 points, the Oilers were mathematically eliminated from the playoffs on their last road trip. The writing was on the wall about missing the post-season for a fourth straight year several weeks before that.

"We want to spoil things for every team," said Gilbert Brule. "Especially in our

rink. We don't want to give anything up easily.

"It's been a tough year, obviously. Detroit's an experienced team. San Jose, that's a good team. For a team like us, everybody is going to be amped up to play teams like that. Vancouver is a rival. Sometimes, it can be hard to find motivation, but we've got to stick with it."

Coach Pat Quinn is icing a line-up laden with NHL rookies and AHL journeymen because of season-ending injuries to Ales Hemsky, Nikolai Khabibulin, Ladislav Smid and Sheldon Souray. The Oilers have lost five straight games and 12 of their last 15 overall.

"When the puck drops, everybody competes and plays hard regardless of what the situation is," said Fernando Pisani. "That's how we're going to approach the last 12 games."

"Everybody is competing for jobs. You still have to try to show that you want to stay and that you do belong. Ultimately, you want to win games. That's why you play."

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Ryan Whitney says the chance the Oilers have to trip up teams that are still gunning for playoff spots is "the silver lining this year."

Sports in brief

NHL The NHL came down hard on James Wisniewski, handing the Anaheim Ducks defenceman an eight-game suspension Thursday for his hit on Chicago's Brent Seabrook. It's the longest suspension league disciplinary Colin Campbell has handed out this regular season.

BASEBALL A day after acknowledging he failed a drug test for cocaine last year, Texas Rangers manager Ron Washington says he used marijuana and amphetamines while he was a player.

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It was a heavy medal day for Canada at the Paralympics Thursday. Alpine skier Lauren Woolstencroft earned her third gold of the Games with a victory in the downhill while Brian McKeever picked up his second win in cross-country. Viviane Forest also won the women's downhill for the visually impaired. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Former South African president Nelson Mandela is shown outside his old prison cell at Robben Island, off the coast of Cape Town.

Beautiful game in an ugly situation



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There is a small, flat island 12 kilometres off the coast of Cape Town with an incredible soccer history.

Here the prisoners of South Africa's apartheid regime, including Nelson Mandela, broke rocks in a quarry as punishment for opposing racial segregation.

At Robben Island, the country's white minority went about the business of degrading leaders of the African National Congress, who they considered to be terrorists.

"They attempted to dehumanize us from the start," Dr. Sedick Isaacs said as he walked slowly across the overgrown playing fields still baking in the hot sun and surrounded by razor wire.

"Once we got over here the guards began to assault us and told us we would never see home again."

Isaacs served time at Robben Island from 1964 to 1977. He and other prisoners subsisted on meagre rations of porridge. They were regularly beaten and verbally abused by the guards.

But in the paltry library, they found a FIFA rule book and devised a plan to play soccer in an organized fashion; partly as resistance, but mostly to endure.

The result was the

Makana Football Association, which required every prisoner to take part as either a player or an official. The International Red Cross was an ally in pressuring Robben Island wardens to allow the men time for exercise.

The prisoners responded by grading their own fields and forming a three-division league, replicating the structure of international soccer at the highest level. "Soccer was our survival," said Isaacs.

"It was a moment of joy we anticipated. Once the games were over we would relieve them for the next few days, and by that time we could look forward to playing again the following Saturday."

Sedick Isaacs still gets flashbacks when he returns to Robben Island. He lost much of his spirit here, along with his youth. But he has strong feelings about soccer and the common ground he cultivated with his fellow detainees.

Today, Robben Island is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Tens of thousands are expected to visit during this summer's FIFA World Cup.

While the most high-profile soccer ever played on African soil will unfold at stadiums like Green Point in Cape Town, perhaps the most significant games took place on this barren island just offshore.

Gemini Award winner and author Scott Russell is the host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. A 20-year CBC Sports veteran, he has covered a variety of professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

Sledge hockey shocker

There will be no Canadian hockey hat trick in Vancouver.

Canada was upset 3-1 by Japan in the Paralympic sledge hockey semifinal Thursday. The Canadians were looking to complete the gold medal sweep after the men and women won their respective titles at the Olympics last month.

Canada will now go for bronze Friday against the

loser of the United States-Norway semifinal.

Japan has played Canada 12 times since Hockey Canada started overseeing the sledge team program in 2004, but had never won until Thursday.

Takayuki Endo scored twice for Japan while Daisuke Uehara had the winner.

Marc Dorion scored the lone goal for Canada.

Canada was the heavy favourite heading into the game but struggled from the get-go, failing to click on routine passes and missing the net on a number of opportunities.

Dorion opened the scoring on the power play late in the first period.

Japan looked like the better team to start the second period, with Endo potting the equalizing goal

off of a turnover.

Canada was all over Japan for much of the third period, but while pushing for the winner, the Canadians got caught deep and Japan broke free on a 3-on-1, with Uehara beating Rosen with 1:13 to go.

Endo's second of the game late in the third secured the win.

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Alberta boy fighting for redemption

MMA Cut by the UFC after his loss to Chris Tuchscherer last month, heavyweight Tim (The Thrashing Machine) Hague returns to action Friday night in front of a hometown crowd.

The former kindergarten teacher takes on American Ed Carpenter at TFC 10: High Octane at the Shaw Conference Centre.

It's been less than six weeks since Hague lost a majority decision to Tuchscherer, but the six-foot-four Canadian said he couldn't wait to fight again.

"I was healthy and felt like I kind of robbed in my last fight, so I wanted to get back in there immediately," he said in an interview Thursday after cutting eight pounds to make the 265-pound limit.

After two lacklustre rounds against Tuchscherer, Hague came out swinging in the third. The round was one-way traffic, but Hague was unable to finish his opponent off.

The judges scored it 29-28, 29-28 and 28-27 for Tuchscherer with one judge giving Hague a 10-8 advantage in the third for the tie score.

The crowd at the Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas booed the verdict and Hague believes he merited at least a draw.

Hague (10-3) has no hard feelings about his release following the Tuchscherer bout.

"I was prepared for it. Seems like the way it goes you lose two in a row and you have to go rebuild," he said.

"So I'm not complaining about that. I'll come back."

"I get to fight in front of my home-town fans here in Edmonton and hopefully rebuild a winning streak and get right back to the UFC because that's where I want to be."

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Madness hits Ohio as Bobcats advance

NCAA How about a standing O for Ohio!

The MAC champion Bobcats, who had a losing record in conference play, have found their way in March and now boast an NCAA tournament win for the first time in 27 years.

Georgetown might want to skip the tourney next time it's in Providence.

Armon Bassett scored 32 to lead the 14th-seeded Bobcats to a convincing 97-83 win over the Hoyas in the Midwest Regional.

In early March, no one

Other NCAA action

• Danero Thomas hit a 15-footer as the buzzer sounded and 13th-seeded Murray State stunned No. 4 seed Vanderbilt 66-65.

• Ali Farokhmanesh hit a three-pointer from the left wing with 4.9 seconds left to lift ninth-seeded Northern Iowa over UNLV.

expected Ohio (22-14) to be in this position. The team had just finished a 7-9 season in Mid-American Conference play and entered the conference tournament as the ninth seed.

Four wins later, Ohio was in the 65-team field. Forty minutes later, they're

in the second round.

Coach John Groce wouldn't call it the biggest win in team history.

"I certainly think it's one of them," he said. "What it does more than anything is it gives belief in our guys in what we're doing."



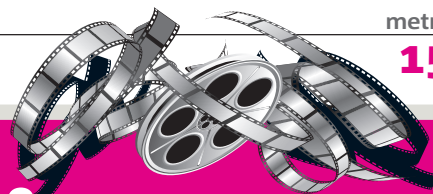
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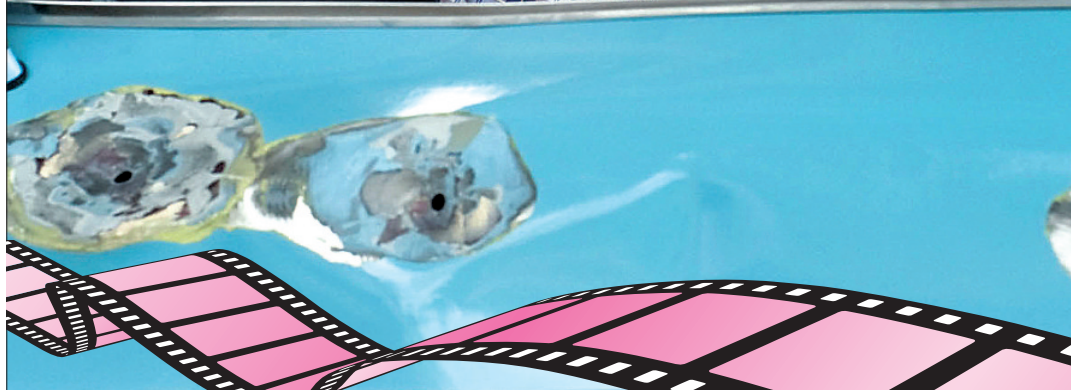
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The Bounty Hunter, starring Jennifer Aniston and Gerard Butler, tries to mix romantic comedy and car crashes. Read how it turns out.

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Bounty just fool's gold

The Bounty Hunter

Director: Andy Tennant
Stars: Gerard Butler, Jennifer Aniston
Classification: PG
Rating: Ⓟ

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

The Bounty Hunter begins with Jennifer Aniston breaking free from the trunk of Gerard Butler's car. And once moviegoers see this film, the actress may consider crawling back in.

In this largely unfunny hybrid of a romantic-comedy/action flick, Butler plays Milo, an ex-cop turned bounty hunter who gets the call to track down his journalist ex-wife (Aniston) when she ditches out on a court appearance.

Thinking it will be easy money (he knows where she lives after all), Milo



Jennifer Aniston and Gerard Butler star in The Bounty Hunter.

traces her simply enough but soon the pair find themselves involved in a mysterious unsolved case, being chased by loan sharks and oops! Falling in love all over again!

Yes, it's as cooked up as a date movie can get but it wouldn't suffer as much had the script at least delivered a few zingers. It

doesn't.

Then again, Director Andy Tennant (Fool's Gold) isn't exactly known for a subtle touch.

Even so, trying to force a marriage of car chases and romantic-comedy may be the most questionable device.

After all, here it only ensures to divorce the audi-

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ence from investing in whatever mysterious affection these characters might feel for each other. It certainly isn't revealed through charming dialogue.

In fact, even Butler and Aniston appear to realize this concoction isn't going anywhere and it strains their questionable on-screen chemistry.

Moreover, the absence of comedy is only heightened by a seemingly endless mix of music whose distracting placement could possibly be mistaken as the soundtrack to an entirely different movie.

Then again, that may have been just wishful thinking on my part.

Even gore can't save Repo Men

Repo Men

Director: Miguel Sapochnik
Stars: Jude Law, Forest Whittaker, Alice Braga
Classification: 18A
Rating: Ⓢ

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW If you like seeing graphic close-ups of torsos being torn open to remove vital organs, then Repo Men is a movie for you.

It seems like that's all director Miguel Sapochnik was interested in filming in his debut feature as he fills the

screen with bloody entrails every few minutes.

Unfortunately Sapochnik is bored by simple pleasures like clear storytelling and compelling characters because every scene that doesn't feature gore is lazily assembled and often incomprehensible.

Set in a world where corporations specialize in producing prohibitively expensive artificial organs that require payment plans, Jude Law and Forest Whittaker star as a pair of repo men assigned to involuntarily remove organs from customers

who are late

on payments.

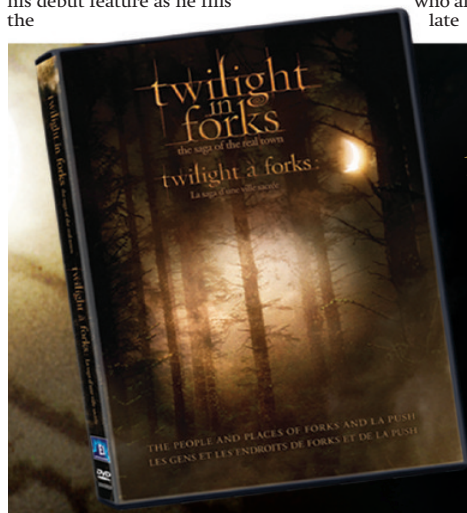
The concept is ripped off of a Monty Python sketch, but is clever enough to deliver consistent dark comedy for about 20 minutes.

Unfortunately this is a feature length movie and once Jude Law gets his own artificial heart and faces off against his former employers, things get increasingly absurd to the point that any audience member with a brain will be forced to throw their popcorn at the screen out of sheer frustration.

It all climaxes with one of the most ludicrous scenes ever caught on film in which Law and his new-

found girl-friend make out while tearing holes in each other to scan their artificial organs into a computer.

Simply put, Repo Men is a disaster.



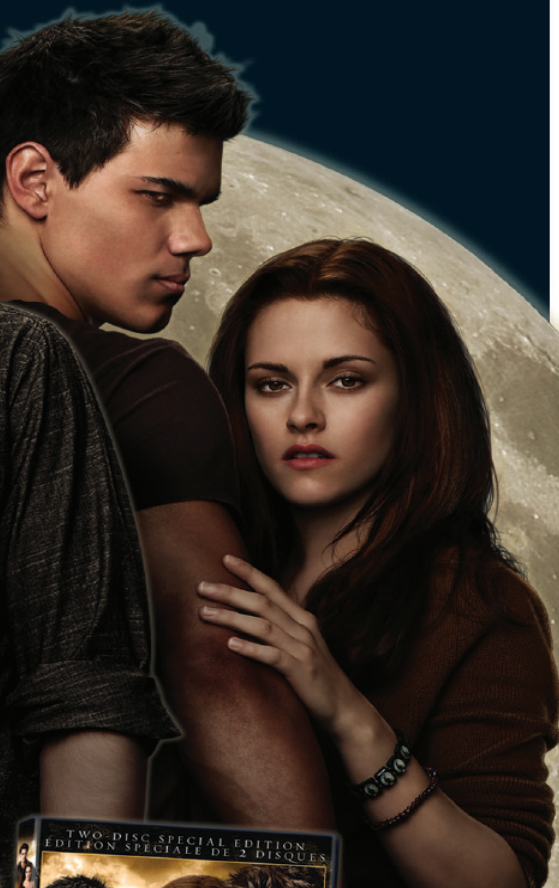
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Enter the Dragon movie

STEVE GOW
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Filmmakers Dean DeBlois and Chris Sanders know how to make a dragon movie. And the animators proved it by directing the newest family adventure to hit theatres — **How to Train a Dragon**.

In the 3-D-animated comedy (which is based on a popular series of kids' books), Canadian actor Jay Baruchel voices Hiccup, a bumbling young Viking who gains the respect of his family and friends after he trains a dragon — the dreaded enemy of the Norse (at least in this film).

So what exactly are the secrets to making an animated dragon movie? We got the answers

How To Train A Dragon opens next Friday



Jay Baruchel lends his voice to How to Train a Dragon.

when DeBlois and Sanders (Lilo & Stitch) recently visited Toronto:

First, make good source material your own.

"The world of the books differs considerably from what we did," said DeBlois who explained that they turned the author's "iguana-sized dragon" into a menacing black monster. "We needed one that was powerful and dangerous... (the studio) ultimately wanted a big fantasy ad-

venture and so the elements were there but it took some hardline decisions."

Next, find a partner.

"(Chris and I) write together and we direct together and we just act as each other's toughest critics," explained DeBlois. "I trust his sensibility and he trusts mine... it's like two soul musicians who write better music together than they do separately."

The film also featured more than 300 crew mem-

Movie feature

bers working over a brief 14-month schedule. "You have like fifty scenes out there at once that are in various stages of being produced so it's a marathon," added Sanders.

"You've got to keep your energy up so that's another reason to partner with somebody — there's just so much to do."

Finally, hire a great cast that includes Baruchel and Gerard Butler.

"They really worked their characters; they really want to get inside the heads of them," said DeBlois of a voice cast that also included talk-show host Craig Ferguson.

"It's a very draining thing strangely to stand in front of a microphone and do these lines over and over again and try to picture a scene that isn't really happening around you," added Sanders.

Wimpy Kid mere child's play

REVIEW Sometimes you have to feel sorry for pint-sized young filmgoers. There are certainly plenty of

movies out there for kids, but most of them are incredibly bland exercises made by adults trying too hard to ensure that they don't offend children's delicate sensibilities.

For the most part this isn't done to please kids, but their parents who want to be sure they aren't warping young minds.

This leads to countless projects like Diary Of A Wimpy Kid, a film that is sweet and has its heart in the right place, but offers no surprises.

Diary Of A Wimpy Kid is

Diary of a Wimpy Kid

Director: Thor Freudenthal

Stars: Zachary Condon, Robert Capron, Chloe Moretz

Classification: STC

Rating: ●●●½

about a youngster embarking on his first year in middle school. He's suddenly all too conscious of the need to seem cool and fit in, immediately embarking on a quest to raise his social status.

Of course, it all goes wrong and soon he's

ruining amateur stage productions, fighting with bullies, working as a hall monitor, and participating in a few other kid movie clichés.

It's a slick production with some impressive work from the child actors (including Chloe Moretz, who will soon be seen taking out dozens of grown men as the world's youngest assassin in Kick Ass) and a nice message about individuality.

But sadly it's missing spark and creativity.

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Seyfried goes Ivy League
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Anything for Baumbach

Stiller just happy to work with director in Greenberg

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Metro World News



Ben Stiller had little trouble relating to his character in Greenberg — Noah Baumbach's new film about a misanthropic failed musician adrift in Los Angeles after a nervous breakdown — but he insists that's just because of a monumental birthday.

"I think a lot of people could identify with what he's going through," Stiller explains, tying Greenberg's neuroses to turning 40. "For me it was a big birthday — it's already a while ago. It's a point in your life when you go, 'Wow, I guess I don't have more ahead of me than I have behind me.'"

Heavy stuff for a film that's ostensibly a comedy, but it's the warped world-

view of the character that interested Stiller.

"It's a classic midlife situation, but it can be very hard for somebody who hasn't gotten to a place where they wanted to be," he says. "I think you'd be a little callous or have a pretty big sense of yourself to think that anybody's immune from that."

Midlife crisis talk aside, Stiller was mostly just happy to get a chance with writer-director Baumbach.

"I'm a very big fan of his," he says. "I would've done probably any role he sent me. Movies like that don't come around that often."

Certainly 44-year-old Stiller, with a thriving career as an actor, a writer and a director, doesn't have

to worry about relating to his character's lack of success. Everyone has goals, Stiller says, but it's important to not bog yourself down with them.

"I don't think you can do that to yourself and be a happy person. I think you just have to have a sense of where you're at," he says. "To me, the biggest thing that I'm trying to get to is just to be OK in the moment, just be OK where I am right now. Because that's the only place that I've ever found true happiness. Anything that's result-oriented never ends up being that fulfilling because it's not in the moment. That's the lesson that I keep on getting taught and trying to learn."

Another way Stiller's

been finding happiness lately is through his charity work, recently becoming one of the most vocal supporters of relief in Haiti.

But with the earthquake that devastated the country fading from public memory, Stiller says he and his organization are working even harder to keep awareness up. "It is hard because it's a long-term rebuilding process, and there's never been anything like this. And I think people, you know, through just natural human inclination, have to detach at a certain point," he says. "Our job is just to keep the attention there. And I think that will be in increments, like in six months saying, 'Hey, we're building this bunch of schools here,' or in a year we're going to do this fundraiser, because it is hard to keep people's attention on it."

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Ben Stiller plays a failed musician in Greenberg.

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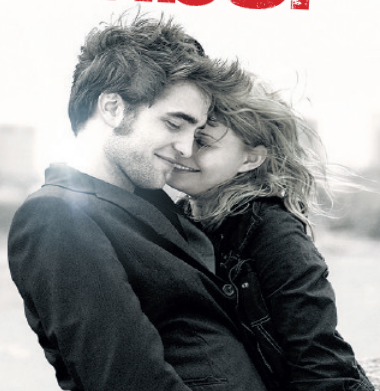
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Satisfying thrill ride

The Ghost Writer

Director: Roman Polanski

Stars: Pierce Brosnan, Ewan McGregor

Classification: STC

Rating: ●●●●●

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Metro World News

It's difficult to watch Roman Polanski's grippy and enjoyable new thriller, *The Ghost Writer*, without being reminded of current events involving both the director and former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, on whom the film's Adam Lang (Pierce Brosnan) is obviously — if not explicitly — based.

It doesn't help matters that both Polanski and Blair have faced very high-profile legal challenges leading up to the film's release.

But even without the real-world signifiers, the film is a satisfying, stylish ride, showing once again that, legal and personal issues notwithstanding, Polanski is still a great filmmaker.

Of course, much of that



Pierce Brosnan, left, and Ewan McGregor square off in Roman Polanski's *The Ghost Writer*.

is to do with author Robert Harris, who adapted the screenplay from his own novel, and stars Brosnan and Olivia Williams, turning in career-high performance as the embattled former PM and his wife under siege at a publisher's vacation home in New England while protesters chant outside the gates and charges from the International Criminal Court loom.

Into this mix is thrown Ewan McGregor as an unnamed ghost writer brought in to spruce up

Lang's memoirs after the previous ghost writer's apparent suicide. McGregor's character is in over his head from the get-go, providing the Scottish actor's brow plenty of exercise.

The only real drawbacks to the film are the often garish digital effects —

used by necessity since Polanski couldn't actually go on location to the U.S. or England.

It can be distracting when a great performance is given before a clearly green-screened bay window overlooking the Atlantic.

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Long-time friends Owen Wilson and Woody Harrelson are finally pairing up for a movie. The duo will play animated turkeys, Reggie and Brock, who discover a time machine and travel back to the first Thanksgiving to take themselves off the menu. **EW.COM**

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Atom power transforms Amanda

Seyfried perfect for Chloe, Canadian director says

RICHARD CROUSE
for Metro Canada



In *Chloe*, the new psychological thriller from Canadian director Atom Egoyan, Amanda Seyfried plays an escort hired by Catherine (Julianne Moore) to test her husband's (Liam Neeson) fidelity.

Following starring roles in *Mean Girls*, *Mama Mia* and the popular HBO show *Big Love*, this is her first real adult part. It's a complicated and showy role for the 25-year-old actress, and she credits Egoyan with pushing her to deepen the character by exploring every facet of Chloe's life.

"It's a broad spectrum of emotions the audience feels about her," she says, "and in

order to make the audience feel that way you have to play it right and in order for me to play it right I had to have Atom Egoyan.

"Mr. Egojan," she continues, "is a genius and he's what good filmmaking is all about. I know it's going to be difficult for me to choose my next project based on what I just went through with him. It has raised the bar into a very high place."

It's obvious that Seyfried admires Egoan, but it appears to be a mutual appreciation society. In a separate interview the director called the actress's audition "exceptional."

"There were a lot more famous people than her we considered but she was our gal," he said. "We knew that



Amanda Seyfried, left, director Atom Egoyan and Julianne Moore on the set of *Chloe*.

from the moment we did the audition. There was just something about her. Fortunately in the intervening period she suddenly became a

star with *Mama Mia*."

Her star was on the rise before they made the film, but on the first day Egoyan had a moment of doubt.

"I have this reputation for hiring very young actresses," he says, "and the day she arrived in Toronto I thought, 'My God, she's a child. We've

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Atom Egoyan on
Amanda Sevfried

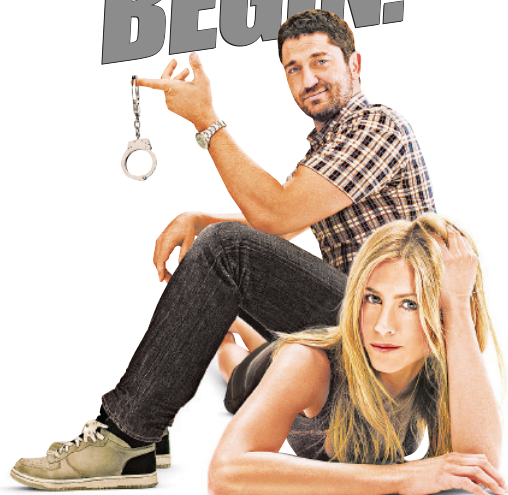
made a mistake.' But we needed the separation in age between Julianne (Moore) and her. That was really very important."

Any doubts were soon quashed when Seyfried went to work, however.

"She's a really good actress. She really grew into the role," he says.

"It's about a relationship you have with some actors. You feel like you are doing your job because you are able to ignite something they are capable of expressing. I don't mean to in any way objectify, but it's like working with a beautiful instrument. That's what she has."

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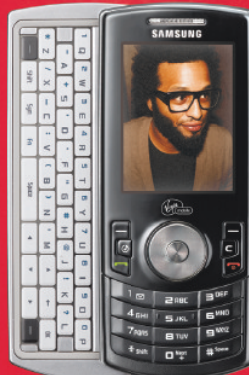


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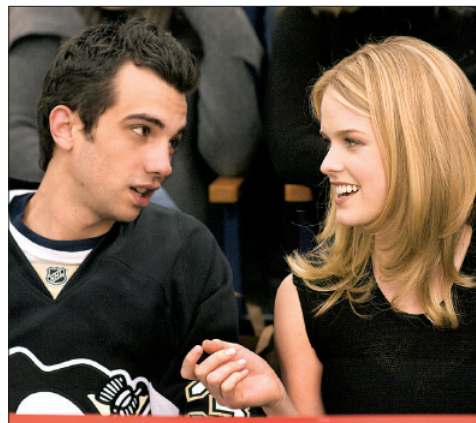
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Music

Singer and guitarist Alex Chilton dies

PEOPLE Singer and guitarist Alex Chilton, known for his influential work with bands the Box Tops and Big Star, died Wednesday. He was 59.

Chilton died at a hospital in New Orleans after experiencing what appeared to be heart problems, said his long time friend John Fry, owner of Memphis-

based Ardent Studios, said the death was unexpected and that Chilton's wife, Laura, was very distressed. "Alex was an amazingly talented person, not just as a musician and vocalist and a songwriter, but he was intelligent and well read and interested in a wide number of music genres," Fry said.

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Alex Chilton

Slash and burn

Legendary guitarist drops first solo album

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Something feels weird when I walk into Slash's hotel suite, and it takes me a few minutes to realize what it is. It's ... immaculate.

No empty bottles of JD, piles of drug paraphernalia, dusty mirrors or half-naked groupies passed out in the corner. There isn't even any cigarette smoke. Instead, there's a very buff Slash, replete in his trademark leather top hat and sunglasses, sampling from a tray of fresh fruit and mineral water.

It's 11:30 a.m. — early by rock star standards — but he's already been to the gym.

"How you doin', bro?" he asks with a firm handshake and flawless smile. "Please. Have a seat." He takes a spot on a

sofa and leans forward, obviously eager to talk about what he's been up to.

I look around the room again. "So it's true. You HAVE quit smoking. No drugs, no drinking and now no smoking? It wasn't the Chilean earthquake that knocked the earth off its axis. I think it's you. You have meddled with the primal forces of rock 'n' roll, Mr. Slash."

He smiles sort of sheepishly. "Yeah, it's been 10 months since I've had a cigarette, which is the same amount of time that I quit during Velvet Revolver. So far, it's been good, although something could happen any second."



end."

On April 6, Slash will release his first solo album, a self-titled project featuring an impressive array of guests vocalists that include the usual suspects (Ozzy, Iggy, Lemmy), some unusual choices (Kid Rock, Adam Levine from Maroon 5, Fergie from the Black Eyed Peas) and even a couple of old Gunners (Izzy, Duff). And, of course, Dave Grohl shows up on drums on one song.

"I wrote the music with specific voices in mind. When the music was done, I contacted the people I thought should sing the songs. They wrote the lyrics and the vocal melodies and then we recorded."

He's quick to sing the praises of people like Fergie and Levine. "She's a rock chick at heart and she's better than a lot of dudes out there. Adam came in and did this great falsetto performance in one take. He's amazing."

Slash already has a band together (featuring a couple of Canadians players) and a tour is set to start next month. He's pumped about it.

So no GnR reunion, ever? "Why?" he says. "What would be the point?"

Slash's solo debut includes guest vocals from Iggy Pop, Kid Rock and Fergie.

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Music

Lost treasure of rock 'n' roll

The T.A.M.I. Show: Collector's Edition DVD

Distributor: Shout! Factory

Performers: The Rolling Stones, James Brown, The Supremes

Rating: ⓈⓈⓈⓈ

GRAHAM ROCKINGHAM
for Metro Canada



MICK JAGGER LATER admitted it was one of the worst career decisions he ever made — allowing the Rolling Stones to go on stage after James Brown to close the T.A.M.I. Show in 1964.

The Stones were still just a bunch of middle class kids from England, performing covers of the R&B greats. They were no match for the Godfather of Soul. At the time, nobody was. He was the real thing. The Stones got owned.

Brown's performance at the Teenage Awards Music International (TAMI) concert at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium that day was one of the greatest of his life. Those amazing dance moves would later inspire Michael Jackson, Prince and, yes, even Jagger.

Luckily Brown's performance was caught on film along with those of the Stones, the Beach Boys, Chuck Berry, The Supremes, Gerry and the Pacemakers, Smokey Robinson and the Mira-

cles, Marvin Gaye, Lesley Gore, Jan and Dean, Billy J. Kramer and the Dakotas and the Barbarians. Each act was backed by Phil Spector's famed studio band The Wrecking Crew, featuring future stars Glen Campbell and Leon Russell.

Over the years, the TAMI Show film has become sort of a lost treasure of rock 'n' roll history. On Tuesday, however, the complete concert will be available in stores on DVD for the first time, lovingly restored to high definition sound and video and accompanied by a 20 pages of liner notes.

Although some of the shtick may seem a tad dated (hosts Jan and Dean skateboard out onto the stage), this is a film document that belongs beside Woodstock, Gimme Shelter, The Last Waltz, Festival Express and A Hard Day's Night as a must have DVD.

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Conan O'Brien has been presented with an outline for a deal to establish a late night show at Fox, according to The Hollywood Reporter. No official offer has been made. **EW.COM**

Television

Actors take to the studio in a new season

IAN JOHNSTON
for Metro Canada

James Lipton is legendary for the in-depth research he puts into every interview on Inside The Actors Studio.

But to hear him tell it, the secret to the TV show's success is the stuff he can't prepare for.

"We don't do pre-interviews with our guests. So when we meet on stage, it's for the first time. It's like a high wire act without a net," says Lipton.

who begins his 16th season of hosting the Bravo series Sunday.

"The interviews are like self-portraits. The questions are meant to provoke an honest response. So I decided early on there would be no pre-interview. It forces us into a conversation."

Still, as conversations go, Inside The Actors Studio can be pretty intense. Lipton claims he works two weeks, 14 hour days, in compiling that notorious stack of 400 question cards he uses during each and every interview.

"I sleep only a few hours a night, so that helps," says Lipton, who conducts the interviews in front of students from the Actors Studio Drama School in New York.

"But I edit the show as well. You only see a portion of the interview. Sometimes they go four hours and I have to personally shut it down. Otherwise, they'd go all night."

"The record was Barbra Streisand. She went to two-thirty in

scrutiny include everyone from the band Bon Jovi, to writer/director Judd Apatow (Superbad), to the voice cast of TV's Family Guy.

Lipton — whose age is listed in various sources as a surprising 83 — prefers to keep his birthday a mystery. "This business is very ageist," says Lipton, whose six-plus decade resume includes stints as a poet, novelist, Broadway lyricist, soap opera writer,

and actor. "In my early acting days, I used to add years to my age so I'd be considered for leading man parts. Perhaps it's coming back to haunt me."

the morning."

This season's interviews are an eclectic mix that kicks off with director James Cameron (Avatar). After that, those subjecting themselves to Lipton's



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James Lipton hosts a new season of Inside The Actors Studio.

Inside The Actors Studio returns for its 16th season on Bravo! on Sunday.

In the spotlight

Guest line up

- James Cameron (Sunday)
- Kate Hudson (Sunday, March 28)
- The cast Family Guy (April 4)
- Amy Poehler (April 11)
- Judd Apatow (April 18)

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Baked Crab Rangoon

PREP TIME: 20 MIN. ► TOTAL TIME: 40 MIN.
► MAKES: 12 SERVINGS 1 WON TON (36 G) EACH

What You Need

- 1 can (170 g) chunk crabmeat, drained, flaked
- 125 g (1/2 of 250-g pkg.) Philadelphia Light Brick Cream Cheese Spread, softened
- 2 green onions, thinly sliced

- 1/4 cup Miracle Whip Calorie-Wise Dressing
- 12 won ton wrappers

Make it

- HEAT oven to 350°F.
- MIX first 4 ingredients.
- LINE each of 12 muffin cups

sprayed with cooking spray with 1 won ton wrapper, allowing edges of wrappers to extend over tops. FILL with crab mixture. BAKE 18 to 20 min. or until edges are golden brown and filling is heated through. Serve warm.

Nutrition Information

Per Serving: 70 calories, 3.0 g total fat, 1.5g saturated fat, 15mg cholesterol, 220mg sodium, 6g carbohydrate, 0g dietary fibre, 1g sugars, 3g protein, 4%DV vitamin A, 0%DV vitamin C, 2%DV calcium, 4%DV iron. Exchange: 1/2 Carbohydrates, 1/2 Meat & Alternatives

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McQueen honour

Alexander McQueen will posthumously receive a Council of Fashion Designers of America Board of Directors Special Tribute award. The British designer will be given the honour at the board's annual awards. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK



Television



Actors Jaime Campbell Bower (left) and Cameron Bright are part of a gang of bloodsuckers in New Moon.

Pack leaders

Bright intimidates as New Moon's vampiric Alec

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

Amidst its gooey layers of romantic delirium, last year's box office igniting Twilight sequel New Moon (arriving on DVD and Blu-ray this Saturday) had a few welcome additions to its vampire riddled mythology.

One was the introduction of a pack of testosterone powered werewolves; the other — more effective — bonus was the appearance of the dreaded Volturi, a black cloaked sect of ruthless, red-eyed aristocratic bloodsuckers led by Oscar-nominated actor Michael Sheen (Underworld, Frost/Nixon).

Hidden among the Volturi's pasty faced ranks was actor Cameron Bright. If the name doesn't immediately jump out at you, the face just might. Bright, now 17, is the former child star of such thrillers as the 2004 sci-fi shocker Godsend, the eerie Nicole Kidman melodrama Birth and the over the top 2006 film Running Scared. In New Moon, he plays Alec, a powerful vampire who — like his intimi-

dating brethren — is neither good nor evil.

"I see the Volturi as the government," says Bright. "They're the leaders of the vampire nation, the ones who enforce the laws. And if you're a leader you have to make difficult decisions, sometimes, and you have to be strong... and feared."

And fear is what the Volturi trade in. Bright's Alec is at first glance, an almost cherubic figure, but one who wields the lethal ability to completely shut off his victims senses, rendering them virtual vegetables. It's just another novel re-imagining of an iconic monster — the vampire — that has caused both the Twilight books and the films to be controversial amongst purists.

"I think our vampires are really interesting," says the actor. "We have a side history, something unique. Sometimes I hear people criticizing the way the vampires are presented in the film, the fact that we glitter and turn into diamonds but, here's the thing: vampires don't exist! We can portray them anyway we want to."

Twilight:
New Moon
is available
on DVD
Saturday

Entertainment in brief

BOOKS Twelve writers have received honours at this year's CBC Literary Awards. The awards accept English and French unpublished entries

from professional and amateur writers in three categories, creative non-fiction, poetry and short stories. The winner in the English creative non-fiction

category was The Rise by Marian Botsford Fraser of Toronto, while the runner-up was Quick-quick. Slow. Slow. by Sarah de Leeuw of Prince

George, B.C. The French prize was awarded to Flo by Stephane Bigras of Saint-Colomban, Que.

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prime time	3	KHQ	-	370	News (N)	Millionaire	Jeopardy! (N)	Who Do You Think You Are?	Dateline NBC (N)			
news	4	CBXT	-	307	Wheel Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Rick Mercer	CBC News: the fifth estate	Access H.	The National	The Hour	
sports	6	KREM	-	372	Basketball	College Basketball	NCAA Tournament -- Louisville vs. California	CBC News: the fifth estate	Access H.	Paired Program	The Doctors	
family	7	CKEM	241	347	Murdoch Mysteries	Mercy		Who Do You Think You Are?	Murdoch Mysteries	EP Daily		
cable variety	8	CITY	240	339	ET Canada	Entertainment	NUMB3RS	X-Weighted "Jade"	Shark Tank	20/20 (HDTV) (N)	News Hour	
	13	KXLY	-	371	4 News at 6	4 News at 6:30	Raymond	Figure Skating Thin Ice.	20/20 (HDTV) (N)	20/20 (N)	News	
	16	KAYU	-	373	The Office	Washington	McLaughlin	House "Remorse"	Kitchen Nightmares (N)	The Big Band Years		
	22	KSPS	-	374	PBS NewsHour (N)	CBC News: The National	Love, Hate and Propaganda	Bill Moyers Journal (N)	CBC News: The National	CCTV News	Love, Hate	
	54	CTVN	501	391	CTV News Tonight	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	
	20	TSN	400	400	Basketball	NHL Hockey Detroit Red Wings at Edmonton Oilers.	(HDTV) (Live)	Sportsnet Con.	Sportsnet Connected (N)	Flames, Hour		
	23	net	408	418	NHL Hockey San Jose Sharks at Calgary Flames.	(HDTV) (Live)						
	47	SPEED	417	406	NASCAR	NASCAR Racing	Trackside At...	(HDTV) (Live)	NASCAR Racing	Score Now	WWE Smack.	
	94	SCORE	410	403	Basketball	College Basketball NCAA Tournament, First Round: Teams TBA.	(Live)					
	14	YTV	552	543	Carly	"Carly 'Quit' Carly"	Little Bear	Max & Ruby	Dragon (DVS)	Things I Hate	That's Weir	Prank Patrol
	17	TREE	553	546	Franklin	Bucket-Dinos	Little Bear	Max & Ruby	Dragon (DVS)	Backyardigans	Ni Hao, Kai-lan	Go, Diego, Go!
	45	FAM	557	541	Wizards-Place	Han, Montana	Dr. Oz Show	Dr. Oz Show	Dr. Oz Show	Dr. Oz Show	Dr. Oz Show	Dr. Oz Show
	25	A&E	615	520	Criminal Minds	(HDTV)	Criminal Minds	(HDTV)	Criminal Minds	(HDTV)	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds
	29	FOOD	603	561	Bobby Play	Bobby Play	Diners, Drive	Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares	Diner, Drive-In	Unwrapped	Bobby Play
	32	DISC	520	505	Man vs. Wild "China" (N)	Scandals of the Ancient World	Daily Planet	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares	Diner, Drive-In	Unwrapped	Dirty Jobs	Ways to Die
	38	SPIKE	628	584	(7:11) CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Breaking Bad (HDTV)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	GameTrailers	Breaking Bad	Breaking Bad
	39	AMC	-	-	Breaking Bad (HDTV)	Caprica (N)	Caprica (N)	Species II * (1998, Science Fiction)	Michael Madsen.	Extra	Dr. Oz Show	Dr. Oz Show
	43	SPACE	627	528	Sanctuary (DVS)	The View (HDTV) (N)	The Dr. Oz Show (HDTV)	TMZ	etalk	Access H.	Bangkok Dangerous *	
	50	STAR	621	56	The View (HDTV) (N)	Spread ** (2009, Comedy-Drama)	(8:45) Battle for Haditha (2007, Drama) Elliot Ruiz.					
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prime time	3	KHQ	-	370	KHQ-News 6	Paid Program	Parenthood (HDTV)	Law & Order (HDTV)	Law & Order			
news	4	CBXT	-	307	NHL Hockey	NHL Hockey Detroit Red Wings at Vancouver Canucks.	(HDTV) (Live)		Crashed Ice			
sports	6	KREM	-	372	College Basketball	Grey's Anatomy	Scrubs	Paired Program	Access Hollywood (N)	48 Hours Myst.		
family	7	CKEM	241	347	what's cooking	Most Amazing	Glenn Martin	Out There	The Saddest Music in the World (2003, Musical) (DVS)	Crusoe		
cable variety	8	CITY	240	339	16:9-Picture	renegade	Ed Sullivan	Sebastian Spence.	Love-Death	G-Spot	News Final (N)	
	13	KXLY	-	371	4 News at 6	The Insider (N)	Entertainment Tonight	FlashForward (HDTV) Mark must meet with a therapist.	National	Mansbridge	The Secret	
	16	KAYU	-	373	House "Paternity"	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Cops (N)	Cops	America's Most Wanted	News	
	22	KSPS	-	374	Daniel O'Donnell: Hope and Praise (HDTV)	The 40 Year Secret	National	Ed Sullivan's Rock and Roll Classics: The 60s	National	Mansbridge	Globe Trekker	
	54	CTVN	501	391	CTV News Weekend	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	
	20	TSN	400	400	Curling 2010 World Women's Championship: Canada vs. Sweden. From Swift Current, Sask.	The Rookies	UFC PrimeTime	SportsCentre	ATP Tennis	Sportsnet Con.		
	23	net	408	418	Soccer	American Le Mans	Performance	NASCAR Smart	Mobil The Grid	Bullrun-Guide	Bullrun (HDTV)	
	47	SPEED	417	406	American Le Mans	College Basketball NCAA Tournament, Second Round: Teams TBA.			Hockey Saturday	Score Now		
	94	SCORE	410	403	College Basketball	League-Evil	Zeke's Pad (N)	Frank Patrol	Funnies Home Videos	That's Weir	Prank Patrol	Survive This
	14	YTV	552	543	Kid vs. Kat	League-Evil	Zeke's Pad (N)	Frank Patrol	Funnies Home Videos	That's Weir	Prank Patrol	Survive This
	17	TREE	553	546	Bucket-Beast	Toopy & Binoo	Maggie-Beast	Waybuloo	Suite Life	Backyardigans	Ni Hao, Kai-lan	Go, Diego, Go!
	45	FAM	557	541	(7:01) Jonas	Overruled!	Suite Life	Zeke's Pad (N)	Suite Life	Superman II (1990, Science Fiction)	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami
	25	A&E	615	520	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	"Bombshell"	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami
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	32	DISC	520	505	Dirty Jobs	Vermintors (N)	Vermintors (N)	Ghost Lab (N)	Crimm Angel Mindreak	Destroyed	Destroyed	Destroyed
	38	SPIKE	628	584	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Entourage	Entourage	Entourage	Disorderly Conduct: Video	Disorderly	Disorderly
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	50	STAR	621	56	Hollywood Sugar Mamas	America's Next Top Model	Sex Matters	TMZ				
	161	SUPER	-	-	The Devil's Tomb (2009, Action), Ray Winston							

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prime time	3	KHQ	-	370	Wheel-Fortune	Dateline NBC (N)	Minute to Win It (N)	The Celebrity Apprentice (HDTV) (N)				
news	4	CBXT	-	307	Heartland (N) (DVS)	Facing Ali (2009, Documentary) George Chuvalo.	The Amazing Race 16	CBC News: The National	Doc Zone			
sports	6	KREM	-	372	KREM 2 News at 6 (N)	60 Minutes (HDTV) (N)	The Amazing Race 16	Undercover Boss (N)	Cold Case (N)			
family	7	CKEM	241	347	Murdoch Mysteries	Better Off Ted	Better Off Ted	Extreme Makeover: Home	Survivor	Survivor	Survivor	
cable variety	8	CITY	240	339	The Celebrity Apprentice (HDTV) (N)	Figure Skating Thin Ice.	The Simpsons	Cleveland	Family Guy (N)	King of the Hill	News Final (N)	
	13	KXLY	-	371	News	Storm Stories	Figure Skating Thin Ice.	Extreme Makeover: Home	Desperate Housewives	Jamie Oliver	News	
	16	KAYU	-	373	House "Paternity"	"Til Death	"Til Death	Extreme Makeover: Home	Family Guy (N)	Tucson	News	
	22	KSPS	-	374	Eyes-Smiling	European Ins.	Magic Moments: The Best of 50's Pop	9/11 Phone Calls (N)	Jerusalem: Center of the World (HDTV)	Movie		
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	14	YTV	552	543	Friend Rabbit	Miss Spider	Suite Life	Calliou	Suite Life	Han, Montana	Oh, God! *** (1977, Comedy)	CSI: Miami
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	38	SPIKE	628	584	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die
	39	AMC	-	-	(5) The Mummy (1999)	Breaking Bad "No Mas"	True Blood (N)	Look-A-Like	Sex Matters	True Blood (N)	Extra (N)	Extra (N)
	43	SPACE	627	528	Stargate Atlantis (DVS)	True Blood (N)	Look-A-Like	Sex Matters	True Blood (N)	Extra (N)	Extra (N)	Extra (N)
	50	STAR	621	56	Hollywood Sugar Mamas	The Closer (HDTV)	Sons-Anarchy	(9:45) Not Forgotten ** (2009, Suspense)				
	161	SUPER	-	-	Southland							

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Glee's Jaima Mays will pair with Neil Patrick Harris in Sony's planned feature *Smurfs*. Mays, who plays Emma Pillsbury on the Fox series, will star opposite Harris as his pregnant wife in the movie that blends live action and animation. TVGUIDE.COM

Going Out

Mix of Six

Edmonton Oilers

When: Friday
Where: Rexall Place
The Oil play twice this weekend.

Dare to Wear Day

When: Friday
Where: Everywhere!
Support the prevention of

sexual exploitation by wearing orange as Sexual Exploitation Week of Awareness comes to an end.

Basically Babies Snowsuit Stack-Up

When: Sunday
Where: Various
Help out the Basically Babies Edmonton charity in

their final days.

Boat & Sportsmen's Show

When: Until Sunday
Where: Expo Centre
Visit this four-day show that's everything outdoors..

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When: Sunday

Where: Rexall Place

Don't miss the chance to catch their game against the Boston Blazers.

Fole a Deux

When: Until Sunday
Where: Catalyst Theatre
The gripping tale of two young girls whose friendship becomes dangerous.

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Kat Von D for Sephora eye colour palette

BEAUTY Created by Kat Von D, tattoo artist, reality-TV star, and owner of High Voltage Tattoo, this electric eye colour collection exemplifies the L.A. vibe. Kat is a genius with the gun but she's also a master of make-up. Grab this palette at Sephora and unleash your inner artist.

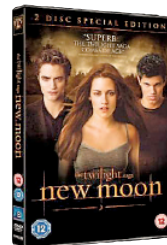


2 Justin Bieber

ARTIST The Canadian teen singer is all the rage. He is officially the most tweeted topic in social media circles. And Bieber-mania may reach new heights once his new album *My World 2.0* releases next week. Consider yourself warned.

3 The Twilight Saga: New Moon

DVD Nothing says puppy love more than bared fangs. In Twilight's second coming, Forks, Wash. teen Bella Swan (Kristen Stewart) finds herself caught in a love triangle with vampire Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson) and werewolf Jacob Black (Taylor Lautner). If the film is not enough, two-disc DVD edition gives you plenty of behind-the-scenes fodder to swoon over.

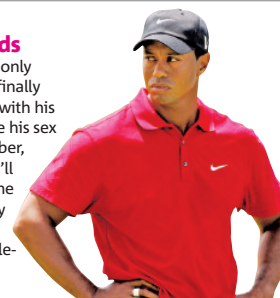


4 Jessica Simpson's The Price of Beauty

TV The singer and former Newlewed reality-TV star made her return to the small screen with her new series. This time Simpson travels the globe with two friends to examine people's efforts to measure up to their society's standard of beauty.

5 Tiger Woods

CELEBRITY Not only was the golfer finally photographed with his wife for the first time since his sex scandal broke last November, but he also announced he'll return to golf course for the Masters in April. Hopefully his performance on the green is better than his televised apology.



6 Chelsea Chelsea Bang Bang

BOOKS Fans of late-night TV host Chelsea Handler will want to check out her latest tome, a no-holds barred account of the ridiculousness of life — all handled with a dose of biting wit.



7 The Runaways

FILM Wanna know how women rock out? Then check out this in-your-face biopic about the '70s all-girl band that broke the rules and spawned hits like Cherry Bomb. Hamilton native and director Floria Sigismundi keeps it real and raw and stars Kristen Stewart and Dakota Fanning shine as original riot girls Joan Jett and Cherie Currie. In limited release but expanding next month.

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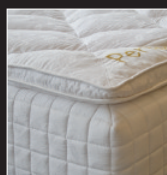
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Marie Osmond returned to the stage in Las Vegas with brother Donny just 11 days after the tragic death of her son, Michael Bryan, but the star is finally taking some extra time off to mourn her loss, popeater.com reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

Blind siding Ms. Bullock

AND AFTER THAT ACCEPTANCE SPEECH ABOUT PICKING THE RIGHT GUY ... DOESN'T IT MAKE YOU FEEL A LITTLE ILL? Sandra Bullock is reportedly set to split from husband Jesse James, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Oscar-winning actress has been left heartbroken by allegations the motorcycle enthusiast cheated on her with tattoo model Michelle (Bombshell) McGee and friends say there is now no way

back for the couple.

A source told America's OK! magazine, "Sandra is devastated. Jesse has tried to smooth things over with her, but to no avail. She's still leaving him."

According to People magazine, the 45-year-old beauty left the marital home on Monday and has since cancelled a planned trip to the

UK next week to promote her movie *The Blind Side* — the film which won her the Best Actress Oscar.

On Wednesday, it was alleged James had enjoyed a fling with mother-of-two Michelle.

She claimed he had told her his marriage to the actress was over and romanced her while Bullock was away filming *The Blind Side*.

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Daughter of a preacher man

THE WHITE GOWN GOES ON AND RELIGIOUS ROOTS COME OUT Katy Perry wants to get married in a church, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer — whose parents Mary and Keith Hudson are both Christian pastors — reportedly told her fiancé, British comedian Russell Brand, she wanted to tie the knot at a location close to her Los Angeles home, but turned down his suggestion of a

recording studio at the Sunset Marquis hotel.

"Russell has been visiting the hotel for years and it is steeped in rock 'n' roll history," a source told the Daily Mirror newspaper.

"It's in the middle of West Hollywood, but it has beautiful gardens and you feel like you are in some kind of tranquil paradise. Katy was keen,

but when it was suggested they could have their blessing in one of the recording studios, she put her foot down."

Although his request was rejected, 34-year-old Russell — who originally wanted to marry in India, where they got engaged on New Year's Eve — was not too upset and has told Katy, 25, he is willing to go along with her ideas for her dream day.

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He didn't go down the Hall way

BUT THERE MAY BE SKELETONS IN THE CLOSET Director Sam Mendes is slamming a British tabloid report that his marriage to Kate Winslet ended because of an affair with British actress Rebecca Hall, usmagazine.com reports.

Following Monday's announced breakup of Winslet, 34, and Mendes, 44, after seven years of marriage, Britain's Daily Mail newspaper claimed that Mendes and Hall became romantically involved after meeting in

2006.

A rep for Mendes calls the charge "utter nonsense ... untrue and ridiculous." The Vicky Cristina Barcelona star, Hall, 27, worked with Mendes on the 2006 indie Starter for 10 (which Mendes produced) and has collaborated on various theater

projects.

Sources have told Us Weekly that it wasn't infidelity but career-related issues that caused Winslet and Mendes' marriage to unravel.

Mendes found his wife "overbearing" while they filmed Revolutionary Road together in 2007.

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CelebTweets

WYCLEF JEAN is trying to ignore what people say about him, **NEIL PATRICK HARRIS** can't believe the life he's living, and **SAMANTHA RONSON** has some advice for Homeland Security.

@wyclef When Donkeys spread rumors about me I don't Respond cause I'm the master that leads them to the Well to drink the Water.

@ActuallyNPH As if life couldn't get much more surreal these past weeks (oscars, glee), I'm about to board a private jet to Vegas with JLo and the Rock.

@samantharonson If TSA workers all had a shot of whiskey every few hours the airport would be a much happier place.

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P. Diddy's 'Play-ahs'?

LET THE GAMES BEGIN P. Diddy has apparently become so obsessed with soccer that he's considering buying a British team, according to the Sun.

"Diddy was in London meeting football fixers a couple of weeks ago. The finance is in place, he's just deciding who he thinks he'll make a bid for," a source says.

"Portsmouth — who are also in severe debt — were mentioned, but he thought Palace were a better idea. He could cover their debt and bankroll a return to the Premier League. He liked the name as well."

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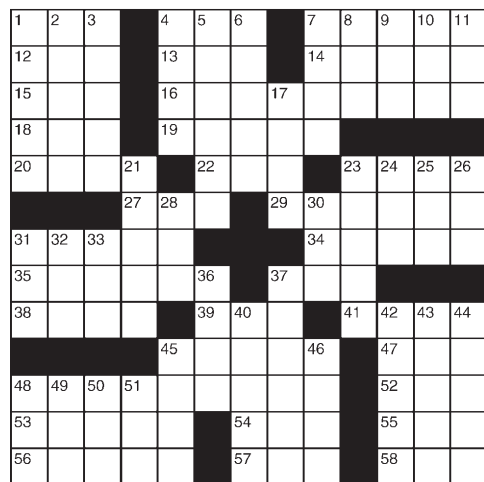


Sunday
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ACROSS

1 Penny prez
4 Greet the villain
7 Drive away
12 Auto
13 Dadaist Jean
14 Adult insect
15 Storm center
16 Heart of a tennis racket
18 Sinbad's flyer
19 Avis competitor
20 Act like a goat
22 Varnish ingredient
23 Understands
27 Piercing tool
29 "Yay!"
31 Texas mission
34 Head-strong?
35 Universe
37 Menagerie
38 Get a glimpse of
39 "Entourage" character
41 Fumble
45 39-Across, e.g.
47 Mauna —
48 Old-time

prospector
52 Every last bit
53 Leaked slowly
54 Vast expanse
55 "Mayday!"
56 Taylor or Tyler
57 Mess up
58 Away from WSW

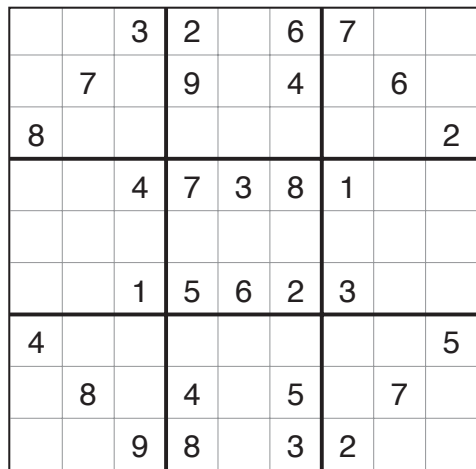
DOWN

1 Tart in tone
2 Louisiana marsh
3 Upright
4 Wild party
5 "1984" author
6 Phantom's bailiwick
7 Cracker name
8 911 responder (Abbr.)
9 Political patronage
10 Id counterpart
11 Sodom evacuee
17 Engrave
21 Debbie Reynolds role
23 Bridezilla's tolerator
24 Detergent brand
25 Highland headgear
26 Timid
28 Court
30 Roswell sighting
31 Expert
32 Part of UCLA
33 Venomous viper
36 Palm starch
37 Barb
40 Get extra value from
42 Decree
43 Criminal
44 Quiz answer, maybe
45 Tosses in
46 "— she blows!"
48 Scatter seeds
49 Reaction to fireworks
50 Submachine gun
51 — U.S. Pat. Off.

Sudoku

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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Metro Recipe of the Day



Roast Vegetable and Bean Stew

INGREDIENTS:

1 small acorn squash
1 lb new potatoes, scrubbed and cut into 1 1/2-in. chunks
2 carrots, cut into 1 1/2-in. chunks
2 parsnips, cut into 1 1/2-in. chunks
2 large zucchini, cut into 1 1/2-in. chunks
2 tsp olive oil
1 garlic clove, finely chopped
4 large sprigs of fresh rosemary, plus extra to garnish
2 cans (540 ml) pinto beans, drained and rinsed
1 cup apple cider
1 cup hot vegetable broth
Salt and pepper

METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C). Halve squash and remove seeds, then peel skin and cut flesh into 1 1/2-in. chunks.
2. Put squash in bowl and add potatoes, carrots,

parsnips and zucchini. Drizzle olive oil over vegetables and toss to coat. Stir in garlic, and season lightly with salt and pepper.
3. Lay rosemary sprigs on bottom of large roasting pan and spread vegetables on top in single layer. Roast until lightly browned, about 30 minutes, turning once.
4. Remove from oven and stir in pinto beans, cider and broth. Cover pan tightly with foil, then return to oven and cook until vegetables are tender, 20 to 25 minutes. Before serving, remove rosemary stalks and garnish with fresh rosemary sprigs.

SERVES 6

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You feel you must do something to get your life moving again but you have no idea what it might be — a most frustrating state of affairs.



TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Don't waste time agonizing about what you are doing and whether it is right or wrong. Everything is the right thing, so why worry?



LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
If you are tense today it may be because you are worried about a financial matter. The problem may be minor but your mind has made it appear huge.



SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Do you go with the flow or do you try to impose your will on a situation that others have found difficult?



GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
If you go too far in one direction you will find that something pulls you back in the opposite direction and it may not be a pleasant experience.



SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
You don't have to be sociable. You don't have to be the life and soul of the party. If you want to be alone with your thoughts today do it.



CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Look on the bright side and bright things will happen. Your mind is a powerful tool and should be treated with respect and used with caution.



CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
It's not true that all Capricorns think that money and status are the most important things in this world, and even if you are one of those.



LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Is your conscience bothering you? Even if it is, there is no reason to believe you are about to be punished for what it was that you did.



AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
You may not entirely trust a certain person but you have made a promise to support them and they are relying on you, so don't let them down.



VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You know what you want to say but putting it into words is not so easy. But who says you have to be chatty?



PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Because you are not sure what you want it might be best not to make any decisions, no matter how much others urge you to get your act together.



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